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Response to Office Action

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Sir:

In reply to Paper No. ____, the February 7, 2005 Office Action concerning this application, Applicant respectfully submits the following:

In Item 2, the Examiner has required restriction of the invention. Applicant elects, with traverse, Group I (Claims 4~8 and 13~17).

In Item 3, the Examiner has requested that, if Group I is elected, Applicant further elect a single species for the component X. Applicant elects for X the species $N-(M^+)SO_2R_f$.

MPEP §803 requires examination on the merits if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden. Search and examination of the entire present

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application would not appear to impose a serious burden because much of the same fluoropolymer art will be searched for both groups of claims. Withdrawal of the restriction requirement is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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